

Grange Committee Minutes

July 11, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Members Present:; Judy Dales; Ted Donlon, chair; Valdine Hall, treasurer; Stephanie Herrick, clerk;

Members Absent: Rob Brigham, Robbie Hurst, and Anne Stevens

Guests: Linda and Rick Ely arrived at 7:30.

The **minutes of the previous meeting**, June 14, 2013, were approved. We will post the minutes on the Town website within the requisite 5 days, and it was noted that our meetings are open to all.

Ted distributed copies of our **Individual Wetland Permit** from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Watershed Management Division. It was suggested that we ask for the maximum area when we applied for the wetland permit. That doesn't obligate us to do the maximum. Our permit includes 10 feet down the north side and 20 feet in the rear. The document is 6 pages and includes decisions and permit conditions that direct our future compliance. The permit must be recorded by the Town and the VDEC notified of its recording within 30 days of June 27. We must also notify them prior to the start of the project.

Valdine reported that \$4150 was received from the **Auction**. David Rowell donated his services, which were much appreciated. The upright piano was not bid on, nor was the coke cooler. There are still a few items left to be picked up. Someone would like to purchase any doors that we aren't going to use. Thanks to all who donated items and to all who helped.

Bob Weber of Accessibility Systems, who sells and services **lifts**, estimates the cost at \$19445 including his labor. This does not include the framing done by the carpenter. It was recommended that the lift go in the northeast corner just to the right of the basement window.

Linda and Rick Ely voiced their concern that the noise would be louder if there is much use of a porch-type structure on the back leading to the fire escape. Valdine reported that there is still much to be decided, and nothing could be done until we got the wetland permit. The Elys were shown the letter from PTVT authorizing \$70,000. *"The purpose of this grant is to assist with making the building handicap accessible, adding an accessible bathroom, upgrading the wiring, and installing a wastewater holding tank. Future work will include roof repair, window restoration, and painting."* It was noted that funds would have to be raised elsewhere to complete the renovation.

Lee Wright provided drawings of the floor plan for our use, but we need to find an architect and preferably someone who would not charge too much. Linda has offered to look through the Greensboro Association database to see if there is an architect there.

Dean Stratton will be asked by Ted for an estimate to do the foundation work when Dean is less busy. Ted will also talk to Ivan Menard.

Ted will speak to Jack Kaufman about plumbing soon. He should be asked for a simple solution on how to keep the cellar warm. A modine or radiant heat in the cement floor are possibilities to explore.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Herrick, clerk